

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q79452

Kotaro WATANABE, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/759,199

Group Art Unit: 1752

Confirmation No.: 7754

Examiner: John S. Y. Chu

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**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on  
February 24, 2006:

**REMARKS**

During the interview, the following was discussed:

- 1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration:** See attached Table showing comparison of layer structures of the claimed invention and the prior art and Table 1 showing data from comparative experiments.
- 2. Identification of claims discussed:** All pending claims.
- 3. Identification of art discussed:** Kitson et al and Miyake et al of record.
- 4. Identification of principal proposed amendments:** None.
- 5. Brief Identification of principal arguments:** Applicants argued that the claimed invention has a different layer structure and different composition of the novolak resin, particularly with respect to the amount of m-cresol, from the prior art. Further, Applicants

provided data from comparative experiments to show that the present invention provides unexpectedly superior results over the prior art.

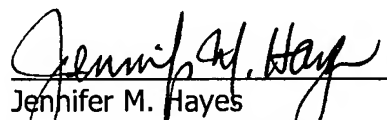
**6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed:** None.

**7. Results of Interview:** No agreement was reached. However, the Examiner indicated that a showing wherein the amount of m-cresol in the comparative example is closer to that of the inventive examples with similar weight average molecular weight would be more persuasive. Applicants have provided such a showing in the Declaration submitted herewith. See Comparative Example 5.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

**It is believed that no petition or fee is required.** However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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**Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i)**

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i) it is request that the documents listed below are placed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's file wrapper of the above-identified U.S. application. The listed reference was cited in the co-pending U.S. App. Ser. No. 10/701,686.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003. English language abstracts are also submitted for the foreign language documents.

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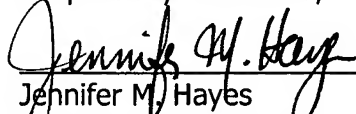
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